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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shinpei Okajima

Serial No. 10/626,731

Filed: July 25, 2003

For: BICYCLE RIM

Patent Art Unit: 3617

Examiner: Jason R. Bellinger

RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The election/restriction requirement dated June 25, 2004 holds that this application contains claims directed to two (2) patentably distinct species. More specifically, Applicant is required to elect one of the following patentably distinct species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species I – Figures 1-8 and 10-12; and

Species II - Figures 17-20.

Additionally, the Office Action indicates that claims 1 and 23 are generic.

In response, Applicant hereby elects the Species I illustrated in Figures 1-8 and 10-12 *without traverse*. Applicant believes that claims 1-9 and 11-33 read on the Species I illustrated in Figures 1-8 and 10-12.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1-9 and 11-33 since they read on the elected Species I illustrated in Figures 1-8 and 10-12. Claim 10 is believed to be directed to the non-elected embodiment. Thus, claim 10 can be withdrawn from consideration

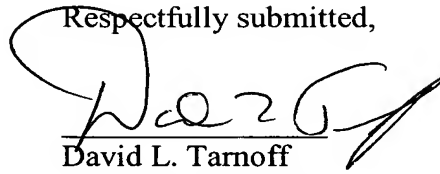
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in this case. However, Applicant respectfully requests that the non-elected claim be considered upon the allowance of a generic claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

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